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DIARY NOTES

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1. I discussed with Ting Sheldon, [REDACTED] the possibility of a centralized computer facility rather than spinning off to DD/I control the DD/I computer center now being developed. Mr. Sheldon, on behalf of the DD/I, agreed wholeheartedly with this approach. Later in the day I talked with John Bross about this, who seemed to be personally inclined to favor the action but worried about management problems if it were done too precipitously. I have asked [REDACTED] to develop a paper on the pros and cons of centralization versus decentralization, and I assured John Bross that I would give him a crack at this when it is developed. (I think that John would like to see a convincing paper which he could use with his own people to shoot down their arguments.)

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2. At the Senior Staff Meeting this morning General Carter announced that the National War College student body would be coming here on 18 April. He would like to have a good show for them.

3. I discussed several items with [REDACTED]

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a. I asked him to find out what had happened to our proposal to have baseball diamonds on the Bureau of Public Roads property and to advise me as to whether I should go talk with somebody about this matter.

b. I told Alan that it did not look as though we were going to receive full reimbursement from the Department of Defense for expenditures made for [REDACTED] and that I anticipated that we would have the squeeze put on us eventually to absorb a good deal of this through re-programming or withdrawal from the Reserve. In either case, I think that the Office of Logistics will have to document their story to show how much has been issued from stock and how much they have expended as a cash outlay. Of that materiel issued from stock, they must also show why it is necessary to replace this stock and justify the price. I also told Alan that I thought they should be prepared to state at any given time how much it would cost and how much time it would take to shut down the support to operation [REDACTED]

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c. I asked Alan to explore the possibility of putting a sign on the George Washington Memorial Parkway at the turn-off to our building which would say "Bureau of Public Roads." In that way we could give people clearer directions as to how to reach the building without putting up a "CIA" sign.

4. Stan Grogan telephoned about a call he had received from Mr. Hosmer, of the Washington Post, concerning acquisition of additional real estate. I suggested to Stan that he tell Hosmer that GSA was handling this and that we would have no statements to make in connection with it. He agreed to do this, and I advised Mr. Abersfeller, of GSA, of this action. H

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5. I talked to Shef Edwards and [REDACTED] about Bob's replacement as Deputy Director of Security when Shef retires this summer. We agreed that [REDACTED] would be an excellent choice. Later in the afternoon I talked to Howard about it; he was complimented and, I think, definitely would like the job. Officially he said that he would like to have this decision made for him rather than have to make it himself. (On 20 February I talked to Dick Helms about this. He would be most reluctant to let Howard go but did promise to consider the matter and to let me know his decision.)

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